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SUBJ: POST-NATO MINISTERIAL BRIEFINGS FOR GOS

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1. FOR GOS, FACT OF REGULAR BRIEFINGS BY HIGH-LEVEL US REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING NAC NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS SUBSTANCE OF BRIEFINGS THEMSELVES. SPANISH VIEW BRIEFINGS AS IMPORTANT LINK TO NATO AND VISIBLE TOKEN OF US SUPPORT FOR GREATER LINKAGE.

2. IF WE FOREGO THE HIGH-LEVEL NAC BRIEFINGS HERE FOR SECOND TIME CONSECUTIVELY, I AM CONCERNED GOS MAY CONCLUDE WE NO LONGER SHARE THEIR VIEW OF THEIR IMPORTANCE.

3. THEREFORE, UNLESS DEPARTMENT FEELS NAC ADEQUATELY COVERED IN WASHINGTON TALKS TO DETAILED EXTENT SPANISH NORMALLY EXPECT, I WOULD RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD OR APPROPRIATE ALTERNATE PLAN TO VISIT MADRID AND GIVE BRIEFING AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY.

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